

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Docket No. P15650

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- (a) My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
 (b) I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMPROVEMENTS TO VACUUM FORMED INDEXABLE LIGHTWEIGHT RECYCLABLE

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the specification of which
 (check one) ☒ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _____, as Application Serial No. _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

- (c) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
 (d) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.
 (e) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
<u>PO1710</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>20.07.1999</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	

- (f) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (e) or §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, U.S. Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Ser. No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)
_____	_____	_____

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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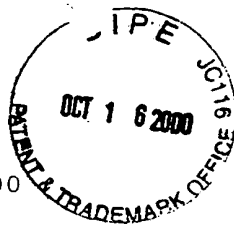
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I/we GEOFFREY ALAN WILLIAMES

residing at WILLS STREET, WARRAGUL, VICTORIA 3820, AUSTRALIA.

have invented certain improvements in: IMPROVEMENTS TO VACUUM FORMED INDEXABLE
LIGHTWEIGHT RECYCLABLE TRAYS

described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America thereon,
said application having been executed by me/us on even date herewith; and

WILLIAMES HI-TECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD.

WHEREAS, _____, a corporation organized and existing under
the laws of the Country of AUSTRALIA, having its principal place of business at

WILLS STREET, WARRAGUL, VICTORIA 3820, AUSTRALIA.

(hereafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said
application for Letters Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to me/us in
hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is
hereby acknowledged, I/we, by these presents do assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the said
Assignee, its successors and assigns, the full, entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the
territory of the United States of America in and to said application identified above, and in and to
any divisions or continuations or continuations-in-part thereof or substitutes therefor which may be
filed, and in and to any patents or reissues, renewals or extensions thereof which may be granted on
said application or for said invention; said invention, applications, and Letters Patent to be held and
enjoyed by the said Assignee, for its own use and behoof and for its successors, heirs, or assigns, to
the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as -
the same would have been held by said Assignee had this assignment and sale not been made.

I/we hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office Officials in the United
States of America to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted to said Assignee, as the
Assignee of my/our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and enjoyment
of said Assignee, its successors and assigns.

Further, I/we agree to execute all papers and to give such lawful testimony and to perform
such other lawful acts as the said Assignee, its successors and assigns may require to enable it or them
to procure Letters Patent on said invention or reissues or extensions thereof in the United States of
America and/or to hold, enforce or convey said Letters Patent, reissues or extension.

3/7/2000

Date

Inventor

GEOFFREY ALAN WILLIAMES

Date

Inventor

Date

Inventor

WITNESS:

L Burrage

APPLICANT OR PATENTEE: Geoffrey Alan Williames Attorney's Docket No.: P15650
SERIAL NO. OR PATENT NO. _____
FILED OR ISSUED: even date herewith
TITLE: IMPROVEMENTS TO VACUUM FORMED INDEXABLE LIGHTWEIGHT RECYCLABLE TRAYS

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: WILLIAMES HI-TECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD.
ADDRESS OF CONCERN: WILLS STRET, WARRAGUL, VICTORIA 3820, AUSTRALIA

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled:

Improvements to Vacuum Formed Indexable Lightweight Recyclable Trays
by inventor(s) Geoffrey Alan Williames
described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ Application Serial No. _____, filed _____
☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by an concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

FULL NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: GA WILLIAMES
TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER: MANAGING DIRECTOR
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING: BUTERS TRACK, WARRAGUL, VIC 3820 AUSTRALIA

SIGNATURE: GA Williames DATE: 3/7/2000